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TOTTINGTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

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Public Health Department,  
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May, 1970.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Tottington Urban District Council:

Mr. Chairman, and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting this Report, which is rather unusual in that it covers a period of five years as against the normal one year.

For some time now I have been advocating that the publication of an Annual Report does not really present the changes in health conditions, because these changes are so small, and that it would be much better to review trends in health conditions over a five year period. In the early part of the century when health conditions were more obvious, e.g. infant mortality was at a high level and also deaths from infectious diseases were of a similar high level, the need for annual reports was obvious. However, now that these conditions have been reduced to the hard core, there is very little obvious change from one year to another, hence my advocacy of a five year review rather than an annual review. The presentation of this report gives us the opportunity to review conditions over the past five years.

It will be noted that the number of births, for example, has increased each year since 1965 and that the birth rate has also increased and is higher than the average for England and Wales. The number of deaths has also increased in this time and only reflects that part of the population is getting older and more liable to those conditions because of death due to degeneration, e.g. heart and cerebrovascular conditions. Despite the increase in the number of deaths, it will be noted that the death rate has reduced over the last five years, and this is because the population of Tottington is becoming younger, due to more young families coming to live in the area and due to the increased birth rate. This, I feel, is a good trend and it is to be hoped will continue.

It is most pleasing to note that in the five year period, only two infant deaths occurred, and they were in 1967. The district should be congratulated on its achievement at having no infant deaths for so long and also having no maternal deaths in that period. This is a reflection of the care of the expectant mother and infant by the hospital and domiciliary services, and is welcomed as a reflection of the interest which mothers take in their own well-being and that of their children.



It will be noted in the table of 'Causes of Death' that the major causes are malignancy, heart disease and other circulatory diseases affecting the brain and heart.

You will notice that the provision of new housing in Tottington has increased quite remarkably over the last five years, resulting in a total of 878 new dwellings in this period. This again is a reflection of the growth of the area, especially for young families.

With regard to infectious diseases, again if you look at the table on this subject you will notice that the only disease of any moment as far as the area is concerned, is measles. Even in this condition the numbers could be reduced if parents were prepared to have young children vaccinated against measles, but up to the present time they show little enthusiasm towards this preventative measure, feeling that in many ways their children are being protected in other ways against more serious conditions such as diphtheria and whooping cough.

It is gratifying that the number of new tuberculosis cases has only been five over the five year period. However this must not lead us to be complacent, but to be more vigilant in tracing new cases and contacts of such cases.

Finally, you may wonder why no mention has been made of brucellosis, but during the period under review records have not been kept of any case occurring in human beings. Efforts were made to have this condition notifiable but the department of Health and Social Security would not agree to the recommendation. However, since the beginning of 1970 informal records are being kept on each occasion that the hospital authorities, or any other source, inform me of a human case of brucellosis. It is to be hoped that by keeping such records it will be possible to convince not only the public, but also the Department of Health, that more needs to be done to control this condition. As far as the public are concerned, the easiest and quickest way to avoid having brucellosis is to drink nothing but pasteurised milk.

May I take this opportunity of thanking the Members of the Council, the Senior Officers and Staff of the Health Department for their help and co-operation during the past five years.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

T. SEYMOUR JONES

Medical Officer of Health.

# SECTION A - STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

## STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Area - 2,544 acres

Population - 1961 census (provisional) 6,133.  
(Estimated mid 1969 - 7,250).

Number of inhabited houses (at the end of 1969 from the

Rate Books) - 3,074.

Rateable Value - £216,105.

Sum raised by Penny Rate - £805.

TABLE I - VITAL STATISTICS

|  | 1965             | 1966             | 1967             | 1968             | 1969             |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1. <u>Live Births</u>                                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Legitimate   | M 58 F 48 TL 106 | M 56 F 58 TL 114 | M 59 F 52 TL 111 | M 64 F 62 TL 126 | M 72 F 59 TL 131 |
| Illegitimate   | - 1 1            | 3 5 8            | 3 3 6            | 2 5 7            | 4 4 8            |
| 2. <u>Live Birth Rate per 1,000 Estimated Population</u> |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Crude  | 17.0             | 18.8             | 17.3             | 19.2             | 19.2             |
| Adjusted   | 19.1             | 21.0             | 21.6             | 24.0             | 25.2             |
| 3. <u>Deaths</u>   | 37 51 88         | 54 66 120        | 43 64 107        | 51 73 124        | 34 53 87         |
| 4. <u>Death Rate per 1,000 Estimated Population</u>      |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Crude  | 14.0             | 18.5             | 15.9             | 17.9             | 12.0             |
| Adjusted   | 11.1             | 13.7             | 13.2             | 14.3             | 10.6             |
| 5. <u>Still Births</u>                                   |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Legitimate   | 1 3 4            | 1 - 1            | 1 1 2            | 2 3 5            | 1 2 3            |
| Illegitimate   | - - -            | - - -            | - - -            | - - -            | - - -            |
| 6. <u>Still Births Per 1,000 Total Births</u>            | 36.0             | 8.1              | 17.0             | 36.0             | 21               |
| 7. <u>Total Live and Still Births</u>                    | 111              | 123              | 119              | 138              | 142              |



|  | 1965  | 1966  | 1967  | 1968  | 1969  |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8. <u>Deaths - Infants</u><br>Legitimate<br>Illegitimate   | M    F    TL.<br>-    -    -<br>-    -    - | M    F    TL.<br>-    -    -<br>-    -    - | M    F    TL.<br>-    2    2<br>-    -    - | M    F    TL.<br>-    -    -<br>-    -    - | M    F    TL.<br>-    -    -<br>-    -    - |
| 9. <u>Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000</u><br><u>Life Births</u><br>Total<br>Legitimate<br>Illegitimate | Nil<br>Nil<br>Nil                           | Nil<br>Nil<br>Nil                           | 9<br>9<br>Nil                               | Nil<br>Nil<br>Nil                           | Nil<br>Nil<br>Nil                           |
| 10. <u>Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks</u><br><u>of age</u>  | Nil   | Nil   | -    1    1                                 | Nil   | Nil Nil Nil                                 |
| 11. <u>Illegitimate Live Births % of</u><br><u>Total Live Births</u>                                   | 0.93  | 6.55  | 5.12  | 6.26  | 6.0   |
| 12. <u>Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000</u><br><u>Live and Still Births</u>                           | Nil   | Nil   | Nil   | Nil   | Nil   |

COMPARABLE TABLE OF VITAL STATISTICS  
ENGLAND AND WALES FOR 1965 - 1969

Birth and death-rates, together with case rates for certain infectious diseases, in the years 1965 - 1969.

(Provisional figures based on Registrar-General's Quarterly Returns)

Estimated home population - mid 1965 - 47,762,800  
mid 1966 - 48,075,300  
mid 1967 - 48,390,800  
mid 1968 - 48,593,000  
mid 1969 - 48,826,800

|                                      | <u>1965</u><br>No. Rate per<br>1,000 Home pop | <u>1966</u><br>No. Rate per<br>1,000 Home pop | <u>1967</u><br>No. Rate per<br>1,000 Home pop | <u>1968</u><br>No. Rate per<br>1,000 Home pop | <u>1969</u><br>No. Rate per<br>1,000 Home pop |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| <b>Births:</b>                       |   |   |   |   |   |
| Live Births                          | 864,000 18.1                                  | 850,000 17.7                                  | 832,000 17.2                                  | 819,275 16.9                                  | 797,542 16.3                                  |
| Still Births                         | 13,800 (0.29)                                 | 13,300 (0.28)                                 | 12,500 (0.26)                                 | 11,847 (0.24)                                 | 10,662 0.24                                   |
| Deaths:                              | (15.7)a                                       | (15.4)a                                       | (14.8)a                                       | (14.3)a                                       | (13.1)a                                       |
| All Causes                           | 549,320 11.5                                  | 563,626 11.7                                  | 542,519 11.2                                  | 576,401 11.9                                  | 579,463 11.9                                  |
| Tuberculosis All Forms               | 2,282 0.048                                   | 2,353 0.048                                   | 2,041 0.042                                   | 2,091 0.043                                   | 1,840 0.038a                                  |
| Respiratory                          | 2,008 0.042                                   | 2,090 0.043                                   | 1,797 0.037                                   | 1,458 0.030                                   | 1,092 0.022a                                  |
| Non-Respiratory                      | 274 0.006                                     | 263 0.005                                     | 244 0.005                                     | 633 0.013                                     | 748 0.015a                                    |
| Cancer (All Forms)                   | 106,338 2.23                                  | 108,142 2.25                                  | 110,055 2.27                                  | 112,543 2.32                                  | 114,727 2.35a                                 |
| Lung and Bronchus                    | 26,399 0.55                                   | 27,019 0.56                                   | 28,250 0.58                                   | 28,826 0.59                                   | 29,763 0.61a                                  |
| Other Cancer                         | 79,939 1.67                                   | 81,123 1.69                                   | 81,805 1.69                                   | 68,717 1.72                                   | 84,964 1.74a                                  |
| Maternal Mortality (Total)           | 219 0.25a                                     | 223 0.26a                                     | 170 0.20a                                     | 198 0.24a                                     | 154 0.19b                                     |
| Maternal Causes (excluding abortion) | 166 0.19a                                     | 169 0.20a                                     | 136 0.16a                                     | 148 0.18a                                     | 119 0.15b                                     |
| Due to abortion                      | 53 0.06a                                      | 54 0.06a                                      | 34 0.04a                                      | 50 0.06a                                      | 35 0.04b                                      |
| Infant Mortality                     | 16,414 19.0b                                  | 16,147 19.0b                                  | 15,267 18.3a                                  | 14,952 18.3b                                  | 14,397 18b                                    |
| Neo-Natal Mortality                  | 11,200 13.0b                                  | 10,934 12.9b                                  | 10,436 12.5b                                  | 10,128 12.4b                                  | 9,603 12b                                     |
| Early Neo-Natal Mortality            | 9,806 11.3b                                   | 9,447 11.1b                                   | 8,947 10.8b                                   | 8,658 10.6b                                   | 8,232 10b                                     |
| Perinatal Mortality                  | 23,606 26.9a                                  | 22,747 26.3a                                  | 21,447 25.4a                                  | 20,505 24.7a                                  | 18,904 21a                                    |



|                           | <div><div>1965</div><div>No. Rate per<br/>1,000 Home pop</div></div> | <div><div>1966</div><div>No. Rate per<br/>1,000 Home pop</div></div> | <div><div>1967</div><div>No. Rate per<br/>1,000 Home pop</div></div> | <div><div>1968</div><div>No. Rate per<br/>1,000 Home pop</div></div> | <div><div>1969</div><div>No. Rate per<br/>1,000 Home pop</div></div> |               |
|---------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|---------------|
| Notifications (Corrected) | Typhoid Fever  | 136 0.003  | 111 0.002  | 138 0.003  | 118 0.002  | 162 0.003     |
|                           | Paratyphoid Fever  | 832 0.017  | 130 0.003  | 95 0.002   | 89 0.001   | 193 0.003     |
|                           | Meningococcal Infection  | 406 0.009  | 405 0.008  | 292 0.006  | 262 0.021  | - -           |
|                           | Scarlet Fever  | 5,725 0.560  | 21,231 0.442   | 19,302 0.399   | 14,897 0.306   | 16,082 0.327  |
|                           | Whooping Cough   | 12,903 0.270   | 19,386 0.402   | 33,530 0.693   | 17,367 0.357   | 4,991 0.102   |
|                           | Diphtheria   | 26 0.001   | 19 0.000   | 6 0.000  | 15 0.000   | 14 0.000      |
|                           | Erysipelas   | 1,757 0.037  | 1,360 0.028  | 1,420 0.029  | 982 0.020  | - -           |
|                           | Smallpox   | - Nil  | 62 0.001   | 1 0.000  | 1 0.000  | - 0.000       |
|                           | Measles  | 509,909 10.676   | 343,708 7.149  | 460,223 9.511  | 236,170 1.860  | 140,020 2.867 |
|                           | Acute Pneumonia  | 7,980 0.167  | 8,027 0.167  | 5,930 0.123  | 5,381 0.147  | - -           |
|                           | Acute Poliomyelitis:   |  |  |  |  |               |
|                           | Paralytic  | 55 0.001   | 17 0.000   | 16 0.000   | 19 0.000   | 9 0.000       |
|                           | Non-Paralytic  | 36 0.001   | 4 0.000  | 3 0.000  | 5 0.000  | 1 0.000       |
|                           | Acute Encephalitis:  |  |  |  |  |               |
|                           | Infective  | 97 0.002   | 84 0.002   | 103 0.002  | 106 0.002  | 147 0.003     |
|                           | Post-Infective   | 71 0.001   | 114 0.002  | 114 0.002  | 72 0.001   | 110 0.002     |
|                           | Dysentery  | 26,175 0.548   | 21,420 0.446   | 22,043 0.456   | 19,502 0.401   | 22,114 0.453  |
|                           | Food Poisoning   | 5,002 0.105  | 5,417 0.113  | 5,023 0.104  | 5,961 0.122  | 7,375 0.151   |
|                           | Peurperal Pyrexia  | 5,189 0.109  | 8,913 0.185  | 4,173 0.086  | 3,046 0.083  | - -           |
|                           | Tetanus  | - -  | - -  | - -  | 8 0.000  | 21 0.001      |
|                           | Leptospirosis  | - -  | - -  | - -  | 11 0.000   | 28 0.001      |
|                           | Tuberculosis:  |  |  |  |  |               |
|                           | Respiratory  | 13,552 0.284   | 12,372 0.257   | 11,029 0.228   | 10,707 0.220   | 9,672 0.198   |
|                           | Meninges & C.N.S.  | 146 0.003  | 99 0.002   | 148 0.003  | 92 0.001   | 119 0.002     |
|                           | Other  | 2,404 0.050  | 2,145 0.045  | 2,046 0.042  | 2,185 0.044  | 2,371 0.049   |
|                           | Anthrax  | 4 0.000  | 10 0.000   | 19 0.000   | 9 0.000  | 3 0.000       |

(a) Per 1,000 Total (live and still) Births.

(b) Per 1,000 Live Births.

## CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1965-1969

|   | <u>1965</u> |    | <u>1966</u> |    | <u>1967</u> |    | <u>1968</u> |    | <u>1969</u> |    |
|---|-------------|----|-------------|----|-------------|----|-------------|----|-------------|----|
| Crude Death Rate                          | 14.0        |    |             |    |             |    |             |    |             |    |
| Adjusted Death Rate                       | 11.1        |    |             |    |             |    |             |    |             |    |
|   | M           | F  | M           | F  | M           | F  | M           | F  | M           | F  |
| Tuberculosis - Respiratory                | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  |
| Tuberculosis - Other                      | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  |
| Syphilitic Disease                        | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  |
| Diphtheria                                | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  |
| Whooping Cough                            | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  |
| Meningococcal Infection                   | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  |
| Acute Poliomyelitis                       | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  |
| Measles                                   | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  |
| Other Infective & Parasitic Diseases      | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | 1  | -           | -  | -           | -  |
| Malignant Neoplasm - Intestine & Prostate | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  | 2           | 2  |
| Malignant Neoplasms - Stomach             | 1           | 2  | 2           | 2  | 1           | 1  | 2           | 3  | 1           | -  |
| Malignant Neoplasms - Lung, Bronchus      | -           | -  | -           | -  | 5           | 1  | 5           | 1  | 1           | -  |
| Malignant Neoplasms - Uterus              | -           | -  | -           | 3  | -           | 1  | -           | 1  | -           | -  |
| Malignant Neoplasms - Breast              | -           | 1  | -           | 1  | -           | 5  | -           | 3  | -           | -  |
| Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms     | 2           | 7  | 4           | 4  | 7           | 4  | 4           | 6  | 1           | 3  |
| Leukaemia, Aleukaemia                     | -           | -  | 1           | -  | -           | 1  | -           | 1  | -           | 1  |
| Anaemias                                  | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | 1  | -           | -  |
| Diabetes                                  | -           | 1  | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  |
| Cerebrovascular Disease                   | 7           | 13 | 6           | 17 | 3           | 12 | 8           | 13 | 5           | 15 |
| Ischaemic Heart Disease                   | 12          | 10 | 15          | 8  | 8           | 14 | 19          | 15 | 10          | 11 |
| Hypertension, With Heart Disease          | 1           | -  | -           | 1  | 1           | -  | 1           | 2  | 1           | -  |
| Other Heart Disease                       | 6           | 6  | 11          | 10 | 5           | 15 | -           | 3  | 1           | 8  |
| Other Circulatory Disease                 | 1           | 5  | 2           | 4  | 3           | -  | 2           | 8  | 3           | 8  |
| Influenza                                 | -           | -  | 1           | 3  | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  |
| Pneumonia                                 | -           | 1  | 2           | 3  | 1           | 2  | -           | 2  | 4           | 3  |
| Bronchitis and Emphysema                  | 3           | 3  | 5           | 1  | 5           | 3  | 4           | 2  | 2           | -  |
| Other Diseases of Respiratory System      | -           | -  | -           | 1  | -           | -  | -           | 1  | -           | 1  |
| Cirrhosis of Liver                        | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | 3  | -           | -  |
| Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum             | -           | -  | -           | 1  | 1           | 1  | 1           | -  | -           | -  |
| Other Diseases of Digestive System        | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  | 1           | 1  | 1           | -  |
| Gastritis, Enteritis, Diarrhoea           | -           | -  | 1           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  |
| Nephritis and Nephrosis                   | -           | -  | 1           | 1  | -           | 1  | -           | 1  | -           | -  |
| Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System       | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  | 1           | 1  | -           | -  |
| Hyperplasia of Prostate                   | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  |
| Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion           | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  |
| Congenital Malformations                  | -           | 1  | -           | -  | 1           | 1  | -           | -  | -           | -  |
| Other Defined & Ill-Defined Diseases      | 2           | 1  | 1           | 4  | 2           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents                   | 1           | 1  | -           | -  | -           | 1  | -           | 2  | -           | -  |
| All Other Accidents                       | 1           | 1  | 2           | 2  | 1           | -  | 2           | 3  | 2           | 1  |
| Suicide                                   | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  | 1           | -  | -           | -  |
| Homicide & Operations of War              | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  | -           | -  |
|   | 37          | 51 | 54          | 66 | 43          | 64 | 51          | 73 | 34          | 53 |
| TOTAL                                     | 88          |    | 120         |    | 107         |    | 124         |    | 87          |    |



GENERAL STATISTICS OF DISTRICT

Area: 2,544 acres.

Population (est. mid 1969:) 7,250.

No. of Premises by Categories:

|   |     |     |     |     |     |              |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------|
| Houses and Flats                                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3,074        |
| Agricultural Dwellings                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 54           |
| Shops (including Banks)                             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 81           |
| Offices   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1            |
| Warehouses, Stores and Workshops - (non-industrial) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 23           |
| Garages and Filling Stations and Car Parks          | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 15           |
| Public Houses                                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11           |
| Factories and Workshops                             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 25           |
| Cinemas   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | --           |
| Sport and recreation grounds                        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6            |
| Social Clubs (including licensed clubs)             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5            |
| Schools   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8            |
| Municipal Offices, Crown Premises, Clinics, etc.    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11           |
|   |     |     |     |     |     | <u>3,314</u> |

Social Conditions of District

The area is primarily rural in character. The centres of population and industry are concentrated in five villages and two hamlets. Outside these centres are established mainly dairy farming and smallholding. The industries in the district include Weaving and finishing of cloth, packing case making, the re-conditioning of machinery, re-wiring of electric motors, the preparation of industrial waxes, the manufacture of clothing and the manufacture of carpets, and blinds.

There is considerable development as a residential area, particularly in Greenmount and Tottington, this trend continued during the period, new houses were completed, as follows:- 1965 - 100; 1966 - 192; 1967 - 101; 1968 - 193; 1969 - 291; a total of 878.

## SECTION B - GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH

### SERVICES FOR THE AREA

The Lancashire County Council, under the National Health Service Act, is the responsible authority for the provision and maintenance of local health services such as Child Welfare, Mental Health, Care of School Children, and Care of the Aged.

The Ambulance, District Nursing, Midwifery, and Maternity and Child Welfare Services provided by the County Council are administered under the Divisional Health Service Scheme by the Divisional Medical Committee No.12 from headquarters in Bury. The Divisional Medical Officer is in addition the Medical Officer of Health for the Urban District.

Hospital facilities are provided and maintained through the Regional Hospital Board and Hospital Management Committee. Patients are admitted without regard to local authority boundaries.

The Urban District Council is responsible for the remainder of local health services, and the whole of those matters likely to affect our standards of environmental health. These services include:-

Control of Infectious Disease (including food poisoning); Examination of Water Supplies; Control of food and food preparing premises (including the sampling of milk, ice-cream and other foodstuffs for bacteriological examination); Provision of sanitary accommodation to houses, factories, shops and other premises, and the provision of public sanitary conveniences; Inspection of houses with regard to fitness for human habitation; Detection and prevention of nuisances; The prevention of atmospheric pollution; Control of rat, mouse and insect infestations; Control of cleansing, disposal of refuse and sewage; Control of offices and shops.

The examination of milk, water, ice-cream and samples of other foods, and the examination of pathological specimens is undertaken without charge to the Council by the Public Health Laboratory Service at the Public Health Laboratory, Withington Hospital, Manchester.

The chemical analysis of food and water is carried out by the County Analyst, Preston, on a fee paying basis.

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## SECTION C - PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER

### INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

#### 1. Infectious Diseases.

Three hundred and eighty two notifications of infectious disease were received during the period, as follows:- 1965 - 146; 1966 - 151; 1967 - 33; 1968 - 33; 1969 - 19.



NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (EXCLUDING TUBERCULOSIS) 1965 - 1969

| NOTIFIABLE DISEASE                               | CASES NOTIFIED |        |       |        |       |        |       |        |
|--|----------------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
|  | 1965           |        | 1966  |        | 1967  |        | 1968  |        |
|  | Total          | Deaths | Total | Deaths | Total | Deaths | Total | Deaths |
| Scarlet Fever                                    | 5              | -      | 3     | -      | 3     | -      | 2     | 1      |
| Whooping Cough                                   | 17             | -      | 11    | -      | 6     | -      | 3     | -      |
| Acute Poliomyelitis -                            | -              | -      | -     | -      | -     | -      | -     | -      |
| Paralytic  | -              | -      | -     | -      | -     | -      | -     | -      |
| Non Paralytic                                    | -              | -      | -     | -      | -     | -      | -     | -      |
| Measles (excluding Rubella)                      | 94             | -      | 130   | -      | 9     | -      | 20    | 11     |
| Diphtheria                                       | -              | -      | -     | -      | -     | -      | -     | -      |
| Dysentery  | 26             | -      | 4     | -      | 1     | -      | 1     | -      |
| Meningococcal Infection                          | -              | -      | -     | -      | -     | -      | -     | -      |
| Opthalmia Neonatorum                             | -              | -      | -     | -      | -     | -      | -     | -      |
| Acute Pneumonia (Primary and Influenzal)         | 2              | 1      | 2     | -      | -     | -      | -     | -      |
| Smallpox   | -              | -      | -     | -      | -     | -      | -     | -      |
| Acute Encephalitis -                             | -              | -      | -     | -      | -     | -      | -     | -      |
| Infective  | -              | -      | -     | -      | -     | -      | -     | -      |
| Post Infective                                   | -              | -      | -     | -      | -     | -      | -     | -      |
| Enteric or Typhoid Fever (excluding paratyphoid) | -              | -      | -     | -      | -     | -      | -     | -      |
| Paratyphoid                                      | -              | -      | -     | -      | -     | -      | -     | -      |
| Erysipelas                                       | -              | -      | -     | -      | -     | -      | -     | -      |
| Food Poisoning                                   | 1              | -      | -     | -      | -     | -      | -     | 1      |
| Puerperal Pyrexia                                | -              | -      | -     | -      | -     | -      | -     | -      |
| Infectious Hepatitis                             | -              | -      | -     | -      | 14    | -      | 5     | 5      |

# TUBERCULOSIS

| AGE GROUPS    | 1965      |       | 1966      |       | 1967      |       | 1968      |       | 1969      |       |
|---------------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|
|               | Pulmonary | Other | Pulmonary | Other | Pulmonary | Other | Pulmonary | Other | Pulmonary | Other |
| Under 5 years | -         | -     | -         | -     | -         | -     | -         | -     | -         | -     |
| 5 - 14 years  | -         | -     | -         | -     | -         | -     | 1         | -     | -         | -     |
| 15 - 24 years | -         | -     | -         | 1     | -         | -     | -         | -     | -         | -     |
| 25 - 44 years | -         | -     | -         | -     | -         | -     | 1         | -     | 1         | -     |
| 45 - 64 years | -         | -     | -         | -     | -         | -     | -         | -     | -         | -     |
| 65 and over   | -         | -     | -         | -     | -         | -     | -         | -     | -         | -     |
| Age unknown   | 1         | -     | -         | -     | -         | -     | -         | -     | -         | -     |
| TOTAL         | 1         | -     | -         | 1     | NIL       | NIL   | 2         | -     | 1         | -     |



Public Health Department  
Town Hall,  
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May, 1970.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Tottington Urban District Council:

Mr. Chairman, and Gentlemen,

During the period the staffing arrangements with the Ramsbottom Urban District Council continued, the Ramsbottom staff sharing the duties of the Department on a part-time basis. A Smoke Control Assistant was appointed jointly by the two Councils, i.e. to share the work involved in making smoke control areas in the two districts. The above arrangements appear to have worked satisfactorily.

The County Medical Officer of Health carried out a survey, under the Local Government Act, 1933, of the district in 1963 and made certain principal recommendations.

- (a) Housing - The Council have gone a long way to implementing these recommendations. A phased house building programme is well under way and a number of clearance areas have been dealt with.
- (b) Water Supply - The completion of a mains water supply to the whole of the rural part of the area is within sight of completion. Mains water will be readily available to the majority of the houses in Affetside and the outlying districts, thus meeting the reports recommendation.
- (c) Clean Air - A phased programme to make the whole of the district smoke controlled by 1975 (subject to financial considerations) has been put in hand. By 1971 21.4% of the acreage, and 60.35% of the property will be smoke controlled. This goes a long way towards meeting this requirement.
- (d) Sewage Disposal - The reconstruction of the trunk sewer in the southern end of the district has been completed. The Council's Consultants have submitted a report on the provision of sewers in the area covered by the new mains water system. If this is implemented, a very real need will have been met in the rural area.

The Cleansing Service during the period under review has been subjected a considerable increase in work load due to large scale housing and implementation of smoke control, dustbins to be emptied rising by 69%. The establishment remained at the same level during this period, an Incentive Bonus Scheme introduced in 1966 enabling the existing staff to meet the increased demand. The time has been reached when a review of the establishment is needed and is planned for 1970.

An increase in the inspection of shop premises, both under the Food Hygiene Regulations and the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, is required and new staff arrangements in 1970 should deal with this problem.

During the period under review the Council have made very real progress over the field of environmental health and I wish to thank the Health Committee for their lively and active interest and support. My thanks are especially due to the Chairmen of the Health Committee during the period - Councillor J. Woodcock, T.D., and Councillor W.A. Daynes.

The unstinted co-operation of the Clerk and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. J.J. Barratt, the Engineer and Surveyor, Mr. P.H. Masters, and their staffs is much appreciated and is a pleasing feature of the Local Authority Service in Tottington.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

H. KELLETT

Public Health Inspector.

SECTION D - ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CIRCUMSTANCESINSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT1965 - 19701. Inspection of Houses for Defects. Public Health Act, 1936:

|  |     |     |       |
|--|-----|-----|-------|
| No. of Premises inspected formally or informally | ... | ... | 753   |
| No. of visits made for these purposes            | ... | ... | 1,141 |
| No. of defects discovered                        | ... | ... | 110   |
| No. of Notices Served - Informal 107, Statutory  | ... | ... | 8     |
| Legal Proceedings                                | ... | ... | 1     |

2. Inspections of Dwelling Houses - Housing Acts:

|  |     |     |     |
|--|-----|-----|-----|
| No. of premises inspected formally or informally                                     | ... | ... | 42  |
| No. of visits made for these purposes  | ... | ... | 49  |
| Dwelling houses found to be unfit but capable of being made so at reasonable expense | ... | ... | 6   |
| Estimated number of unfit houses remaining   | ... | ... | 132 |

3. Inspections of Properties under Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949:

|  |     |     |     |     |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| No. of premises inspected after complaint              | ... | ... | ... | 335 |
| No. of visits for these purposes                       | ... | ... | ... | 995 |
| No. of infestations by rats found - major infestations |     |     | ... | Nil |
| minor infestations                                     |     |     | ... | 280 |
| No. of infestations by mice found - major infestations |     |     | ... | Nil |
| minor infestations                                     |     |     | ... | 55  |
| No. of treatments (including re-treatment)             | ... | ... | ... | 335 |
| Annual Sewer Maintenance Treatments                    | ... | ... | ... | 5   |

4. Inspections of Factories under Factories Acts, 1937 to 1959:

|                               |     |     |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| No. of inspections made       | ... | ... | Nil |
| Written notices under the Act | ... | ... | Nil |

5. Inspections of Registered Food Premises:

|  |     |     |    |
|--|-----|-----|----|
| No. of inspections of ice cream premises | ... | ... | 37 |
| No. of inspections of butchers' shops    | ... | ... | 3  |



Table of Totals of all visits made during the period  
by Public Health Inspector:

|   |     |     |     |       |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| No. of visits concerning water supplies       | ... | ... | ... | 131   |
| " " " Samples (Water/Milk/Ice Cream/Cream)    |     |     |     | 417   |
| " " " Drains, cesspools & septic tanks        |     |     |     | 69    |
| " " " Inspection of drainage work             | ... |     |     | 4     |
| " " " Ponds, pools, ditches and water courses | ... |     |     | 5     |
| " " " Conversions to water closets            | ... |     |     | 4     |
| " " " Conversions to bins and sanitary pails  | ... |     |     | 0     |
| " " " housing inspections                     | ... | ... | ... | 93    |
| " " " caravans                                | ... | ... | ... | 2     |
| " " " certificates of disrepair               | ... | ... |     | 3     |
| " " " offices and shops                       | ... | ... | ... | 90    |
| " " " factories                               | ... | ... | ... | 0     |
| " " " outworkers                              | ... | ... | ... | 0     |
| " " " smoke control                           | ... | ... | ... | 3,466 |
| " " " food premises, all types                | ... | ... |     | 40    |
| " " " infectious diseases                     | ... | ... | ... | 129   |
| " " " rodent control                          | ... | ... | ... | 335   |
| " " " other infestations                      | ... | ... | ... | 1     |
| " " " noise nuisances                         | ... | ... | ... | 3     |
| " " " schools                                 | ... | ... | ... | 5     |
| " " " smoke nuisance, fumes                   | ... | ... |     | 22    |
| " " " kennels                                 | ... | ... | ... | 15    |
| " " " insanitary premises                     | ... | ... | ... | 0     |
| Miscellaneous visits                          | ... | ... | ... | 0     |

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4,834



SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICTWater Supply:

The mains supply is provided by the Bolton Corporation and serves the villages of Tottington, Walshaw, Greenmount and Hawkshaw.

The village of Affetside and Hamlets of Four Lane Ends and Three Lane Ends along with the property on Cann Street and the more isolated farm properties off Turton Road are dependent upon private supplies

There are five public wells supplying water free of charge to the residents in the areas of Three Lane Ends, Cann Street and Affetside. These wells are cleaned and maintained by the Council.

During the period water continued to be carried by the Council to the village of Affetside. This is done three times weekly, and has been in operation since June, 1960, when the public well failed. Fourteen houses are supplied regularly.

Topographically the majority of the private supplies in the area are unsatisfactory, being liable to pollution, and this is increased by the crude construction of collecting tanks and storage tanks, many of which are inadequately protected against contamination.

The majority of private supplies are unfit bacteriologically, some eighty separate sources being in use. In all cases of unsatisfactory results the occupiers of houses supplied from these sources have been warned in writing by the Medical Officer to boil all water used for drinking purposes, some 164 houses are involved.

In September 1964 Mr. T. P. Hughes, an Engineering Inspector of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, carried out an informal inquiry into the water supply position in the area of Chapel and Hawkshaw Wards. A new scheme, more comprehensive than previously submitted, was introduced by the Bolton Corporation Waterworks Committee at a provisional cost of £62,000. The Council approved this scheme and installation of the mains service reservoir, pumping station and other plant is expected to be completed in 1970. A public water supply will be readily available to a large part of the area, few houses in the district will not have access to a mains supply. This will remove a public health problem which has been of some concern over a long number of years.

Number of houses newly connected to the mains supply during period:-

|                     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (a) Existing Houses | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| (b) New Houses      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 878 |

Supply to all houses at end of period 1965-1969:-

(a) From public Mains -

|                             |     |     |     |     |       |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| No. of dwelling houses      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3,028 |
| Estimated No. of population | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7,445 |

## (b) From private supplies -

|                             |     |     |     |     |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| No. of dwelling houses      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 164 |
| Estimated No. of population | ... | ... | ... | ... | 328 |

## Water Sampling 1965-1969:-

|  |     |     |     |     |    |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| No. taken from public supply                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 31 |
| No. taken from private supplies, bacteriological | ... | ... | ... | ... | 94 |
| No. taken from private supplies, chemical        | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6  |

Fifty-nine samples taken from private supplies were unsatisfactory from a bacteriological point of view; one sample from a public supply was unsatisfactory; six chemical samples from private supplies showed presence of lead slightly in excess of recommended limits.

Grants - Common Service Pipes - Housing Act, 1964, Section 94.

The Council pay a grant up to a maximum of £15, or half the cost, whichever is the least, towards the cost of installing separate water service pipes. During the period 19 grants were made at a total cost of £150.

2. Sewerage and Drainage:

The main sewerage system serves the villages of Tottington, Greenmount, Hawkshaw and Walshaw. These sewers discharge into the sewerage system of the County Borough of Bury and all sewage is treated at their works. A small number of properties in the Greenmount area discharge into the Ramsbottom U.D.C. sewer system. Parts of Greenmount, the village of Affetside, the hamlets of Four Lane Ends and Three Lane Ends along with outlying property to the west of the District, are without a sewerage system. The Council have appointed consultants to carry out a feasibility study for the Affetside, Four Lane Ends, Cann Street, Harwood Road and Bradshaw Road areas, with a view to connection to the main sewer system. The report is expected early in 1970.

The great majority of properties in the unsewered areas have pail closets, some 165 in number, which are emptied by the Cleansing Department weekly, but 69 premises have septic tanks of one type or another. The regular emptying of septic tanks is likely to increase as new plant is installed. Septic tanks are now emptied as required, free of charge (once per year), the special machine for this purpose being hired from Ramsbottom U.D.C.

There are in addition some waste water closets situated mainly in the villages of Tottington and Walshaw.



## (a) Details of Sanitary accommodation at end of 1969:

|                            |     |     |     |     |     |       |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| No. of pail closets        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 165   |
| No. of waste water closets | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 46    |
| No. of fresh water closets | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3,187 |
| No. of trough closets      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil   |
| No. of privy middens       | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil   |

The number of houses on the water carriage system of sewage disposal is estimated to 3,016.

## (b) Conversions:

Two waste water closets were converted to water closets during the period. To encourage this type of conversion the Council offer a grant of 50% of the cost, subject to a maximum of £16, payable to the owner on completion of the work if this is carried out with the Council's approval.

3. Public Cleansing:

The cleansing of the district is organised on a weekly basis. The Council provide two vehicles, a 14 cu.yd. Fore and Aft Tipper and a 35 cu.yd. Pakamatic vehicle. (The smaller is adapted to draw a trailer tank.) This vehicle is used to collect the bins and pails from the outlying area and carries a crew of two men. The larger vehicle carrying a crew of five men is employed emptying bins only from the larger villages. Maintenance of these vehicles is carried out by the S.E.L.N.E.C. Transport Authority (Northern Division) and the willing co-operation of the Manager, Mr. J. Mort, and his staff is acknowledged. In 1969 an order was placed for a new 25 cu.yd. Fore and Aft tipping refuse vehicle with hydraulic packing.

During the period under review, due to large scale housing development and introduction of smoke control areas, the number of dustbins to be emptied has risen from 3,001 to 4,359. Staffing difficulties over a number of years resulted in the Council introducing a Bonus Scheme in 1966. The same staff, 2 drivers and 5 ashbinmen, have managed to deal with this considerable increase in the work load, maintaining a weekly collection, except for holiday periods and during extreme winter conditions. An increase in the establishment by one man is expected in 1970 to meet the increasing demand which shows no sign of slackening.

The Council make a free issue of paper sacks to all householders during the two local holiday weeks and at Christmas.

A free collection service for bulky household articles was commenced in April, 1970, and is well used.

Action has been taken under the Civic Amenities Act 1967 for the removal of abandoned motor vehicles. Cars are disposed of on request for a fee of £2. A charge of £5 is made when owners who have abandoned cars are traced.

The department empties weekly a total of approximately 4,359 dustbins and 165 pail closets, in addition to periodically emptying septic tanks. Public wells are also cleaned as required.

All refuse is tipped at the Ramsbottom U.D.C. tip, the Council paying according to an agreed formula. The Ramsbottom and Tottington U.D.C's are exploring the future disposal of refuse through No. 10 Group of the Standing Conference of North West Authorities, of which they are members. During the period the Council paid a visit to the Direct Incineration Plant at Middleton.

The contents of pail closets is discharged into a manhole on the main sewerage system of the district.

Dustbins to B.S.S. 792,  $3\frac{1}{4}$  cu.yd. are supplied by the Council, if requested, on repayment at cost price without added delivery charges. Premises are normally provided with dustbins by either owners or occupiers. A total of 299 bins were sold during 1965-1969.

Street sweeping and snow clearance is under the control of the Surveyor, Mr. P.H. Masters.

#### 4. Factories Act, 1937 to 1959:

The following is a list of trades or manufactures carried on in factories within the urban district.

- Cotton goods Manufacture.
- Finishing of cotton goods.
- Manufacture of Packing Cases.
- Carpet Sewing.
- General Engineering.
- Foundering.
- Baking.
- Preparation of industrial waxes.
- Re-conditioning of machinery.
- Re-wiring of electric motors.
- Manufacture of tufted carpets.
- Venetian Blinds.

There are thirty factories registered with the Local Authority. During the period no formal action was required under the Factories Acts.

#### 5. Clean Air Act, 1956:

Six observations were made on factory chimneys during the period. Seventeen visits were made to factories during the period in regard to boiler plant. The problem of smoke emissions is largely associated with hand-fired Lancashire Boilers, these are being replaced by oil-fired boilers.

Approved type fire grates in all new houses are now required under the Building Regulations 1965.



Tottington U.D.C. is one of the official "black area" authorities and the Ministry of Housing and Local Government has pressed for action against domestic smoke pollution. Tottington U.D.C. is a member of the Manchester Regional Clean Air Council and the South-East Lancashire and North Cheshire Consultative Committee for the Investigation of Atmospheric Pollution.

In 1967 the Council approved a comprehensive smoke control area programme, the district being divided into seven proposed smoke control areas. Subject to financial requirements it was proposed to aim at a completion date by 1975.

The first smoke control area, No. 1, covering the southern end of the district and involving 544 premises, and covering 132 acres, came into operation on the 1st December, 1968. The No. 2 area covering Walshaw comes into operation on the 1st July, 1970; this involves 347 premises and covers 110 acres. During 1969 a survey was completed of the central area of the town, No. 3 area, comprising 793 premises and covering 304 acres. This is to be submitted for Ministry approval early in 1970 and to come into operation on the 1st July, 1971.

A Smoke Control Assistant was appointed in September, 1969, to carry out duties in connection with smoke control areas. This was a joint appointment with the Ramsbottom U.D.C.

A Public Inquiry by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government into one objection to the No. 1 Smoke Control Area was held on the 6th February, 1968. The Ministry subsequently confirmed the Order.

A volumetric and sulphur-di-oxide recorder has been in operation during the period at the Town Hall. This is carried out in conjunction with the Warren Spring Laboratory of the Ministry of Technology. The results obtained on this instrument are appended below, and show an interesting comparison over the five year period.

SMOKE CONCENTRATION M.G. PER CU. MR.

YEARLY AVERAGES 1965-1969

| Year | Average | Maximum | Minimum |
|------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1965 | 114     | 295     | 21      |
| 1966 | 107     | 278     | 19      |
| 1967 | 106     | 317     | 25      |
| 1968 | 104     | 252     | 22      |
| 1969 | 83      | 235     | 22      |

SULPHUR-DI-OXIDE CONCENTRATION MG. PER CU. MR.YEARLY AVERAGES 1965-1969

| Year | Average | Maximum | Minimum |
|------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1965 | 169     | 446     | 54      |
| 1966 | 168     | 366     | 59      |
| 1967 | 194     | 429     | 79      |
| 1968 | 147     | 370     | 44      |
| 1969 | 132     | 277     | 53      |

Eleven applications were received under Section 3, Clean Air Act, 1956, for approval of furnaces, all were granted with slight modifications in a number of cases.

6. Rodent Control:

The disinfection of premises has been carried out by the rodent operative of the Ramsbottom U.D.C. who is employed part-time on this work. During the period:-

335 properties were inspected after complaint.

277 minor rat infestations were found, and 55 minor mouse infestations.

An annual treatment of the Council's sewers was carried out, each year all the main manholes being treated, following a test-baiting. Infestation of the sewers remains at a low level.

7. Noise Abatement Act, 1960

Three complaints were investigated during the period. Two associated with keeping of dogs and one connected with licensed premises.

8. Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

The following premises are registered:-

|                         |     |     |     |     |    |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Offices                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5  |
| Retail Shops            | ... | ... | ... | ... | 24 |
| Wholesale Shops         | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1  |
| Catering establishments | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1  |

General Inspections during the period - 37: visits - 53.



9. Animal Boarding Establishment Act, 1963

Three premises were licensed under this Act, a total of 87 dogs and 16 cats being allowed to be boarded on the premises.

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SECTION E - HOUSING

HOUSING CONDITIONS

The majority of houses situated in the main villages are constructed of stone, usually in short terraces. These houses are substantially sound, lacking only facilities such as hot water supplies, bathroom and interior sanitation. In many of these houses the facilities have been provided since the properties were constructed but many houses still lack them. It is hoped that more owners will take advantage of the system of grants available to provide these facilities. A large area of more recent development is situated in the village of Greenmount, in Walshaw, in Tottington centre, and a small area at Hawkshaw, being mainly larger type semi-detached or detached houses and bungalows of good quality which have all the required facilities. Considerable housing development is continuing in the area of the Urban District. The property in the more outlying districts is mainly stone built cottage type constructed in small folds or blocks usually lacking a sewer and proper water supply. It is hoped that this will be remedied in the not too distant future.

Some pockets of property exist mainly in the villages of Tottington and Walshaw where there is extensive disrepair and these may require action under the Housing Acts for clearance.

There remain in the area some one hundred and thirty two houses which are likely to be unfit.

In 1969 the Public Health Inspector was appointed as the Authorised Officer, under the Housing Act, 1969, in connection with the issuing of Qualification Certificates.

During the period the Council dealt with three Clearance Areas. The position at 31st December, 1969, is as follows:-

| Area No. | Name           | No. of houses | Year re-presented | Year of inquiry | Year re-housed | Year demolished |
|----------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1        | Wesley Street  | 4             | 1961              | -               | 1962           | 1964            |
| 2        | Wesley Street  | 8             | 1963              | -               | -              | -               |
| 3        | Harwood Road   | 6             | 1963              | -               | 1964           | 1964            |
| 4        | Bk. Wesley St. | 8             | 1963              | -               | -              | -               |
| 5        | Quakersfield   | 6             | 1966              | -               | 1968           | 1968            |
| 6        | Hall Street    | 2             | 1967              | -               | 1967           | 1968            |
| 7        | Haworth Street | 14            | 1969              | 1970            | -              | -               |



In addition the following individual houses were dealt with as follows:-

|                |   |      |   |                           |
|----------------|---|------|---|---------------------------|
| Closing Orders | - | 1965 | - | 63 Harwood Road           |
|                | - | 1966 | - | 65 Harwood Road           |
|                |   |      |   | 43 Harwood Road           |
|                |   |      |   | 50 Wesley Street          |
|                | - | 1967 | - | 76, 78 Watling Street.    |
| Undertakings   | - | 1969 | - | 7, 9, 11 Kirklees Street. |

(a) No. of houses erected during the period:

|                                   | 1965 | 1966 | 1967 | 1968 | 1969 |
|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| By the Local Authority ... ..     | Nil  | Nil  | Nil  | Nil  | Nil  |
| By other Local Authority ... ..   | Nil  | Nil  | Nil  | Nil  | Nil  |
| By other bodies or persons ... .. | 100  | 192  | 102  | 193  | 291  |

(b) Inspections under the Housing Acts:

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| (i) No. of premises inspected formally or informally ... ..                         | 31  |
| No. of visits for these purposes ... ..   | 93  |
| (ii) No. of houses unfit for human habitation during the period ... ..              | 31  |
| No. of houses likely to be unfit for human habitation at end of period ... ..       | 132 |
| (iii) Houses made fit after informal action by Local Authority ... ..               | 6   |
| Houses made fit after formal action Public Health Act, 1936 ... ..                  | 0   |
| Houses made fit after formal action - Housing Act                                   | 0   |
| (iv) Houses closed under Housing Act, 1957, Sections 16(4), 17(1), and 35(1) ... .. | 6   |

HOUSING ACTS 1958-1969Improvement Grants:

During the period applications for grants were submitted as follows:-

Improvement Grants:-

|           | <u>1965</u> | <u>1966</u> | <u>1967</u> | <u>1968</u> | <u>1969</u> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Submitted | 15          | 12          | 13          | 13          | 6           |
| Approved  | 12          | 12          | 13          | 13          | 5           |
| Completed | 8           | 11          | 9           | 13          | 5           |

Standard Grants

|           |    |    |    |    |    |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Submitted | 45 | 41 | 35 | 42 | 40 |
| Approved  | 45 | 41 | 35 | 42 | 39 |
| Completed | 34 | 34 | 41 | 39 | 28 |

One hundred and seventy-six improvement schemes were completed during the period. The grants were made mainly to owner/occupiers, to assist them in the provision of bathrooms and hot water supplies. The response from owners of tenanted properties is poor, in spite of the simplified procedure now applying to the standard grant. The question of improvement areas has been considered, a postal survey being carried out in 1965 of some 450 tenanted houses in the district. Up to date no action has been taken.

Rent Act, 1957:

One application for a Certificate of Disrepair was received during the period.

Caravans - Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960:

One application was received during the period for a licence.

SECTION F - INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD1. (a) Numbers of Food Premises in the District by Categories:

|  |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| General Grocers  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18 |
| Greengrocers and fruiterers (including those dealing in wet fish and game) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5  |
| Fishmongers  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0  |
| Meat shops (Butchers, cooked meats, tripe, etc.)                           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7  |
| Bakers and/or Confectioners  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5  |
| Fried fish shops   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4  |
| Sweets, sugar confectionery, minerals and ice-cream                        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8  |
| Licensed Premises  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12 |

(b) Number of premises registered under Section 16 of Food and Drugs Act, 1955:

|                    |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Ice-Cream premises | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 17 |
| Meat Shops         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7  |

During the period forty inspections of food premises were made.

One prosecution took place under the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1960, involving ten contraventions at a poultry processing premise. Fines of £65 and 25 guineas costs were imposed.

There are no slaughterhouses established within the district and meat supplied to shops is slaughtered and inspected in neighbouring districts, the bulk coming from a wholesaler in Ramsbottom. As a matter of routine all meat in butchers' shops is examined at the time of inspection of premises, as is food of all types intended for sale to the public.

2. (a) Milk Supply:

From 1st January, 1961, the Lancashire County Council, as the Food and Drugs Authority, issue licences to dealers selling milk in the area.

The following licences have been issued:-

|                          |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Sale of Pasteurised milk | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13 |
| Sale of Sterilised milk  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 19 |

There are no pasteurising or sterilising plants licensed in the district. Three milk distributors were registered during the period.



The area of the Urban District was declared to be a specified area by the Milk (Special Designations) (Specified Areas) Order, 1958, which came into force on the 14th April, 1958.

This order declared that on and after the above date all milk sold within this district must be designated as follows:- pasteurised, sterilised, and raw milk.

(b) Sampling

|                              | <u>1965</u> | <u>1966</u> | <u>1967</u> | <u>1968</u> | <u>1969</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total Samples Submitted      | 28          | 30          | 50          | 49          | 85          |
| <u>Tuberculosis:-</u>        |             |             |             |             |             |
| Positive                     | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           |
| Negative                     | 26          | 30          | 50          | 49          | 68          |
| No Result                    | 2           | -           | -           | -           | -           |
| <u>Brucellosis Ring Test</u> |             |             |             |             |             |
| Positive                     | 8           | 3           | -           | 1           | 19          |
| Negative                     | 20          | 27          | 50          | 48          | 66          |
| No Result                    | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           |
| <u>Culture Test</u>          |             |             |             |             |             |
| Positive                     | -           | -           | -           | -           | 7           |
| Negative                     | 28          | 30          | 50          | 49          | 11          |
| No Result                    | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           |
| <u>Biological Test</u>       |             |             |             |             |             |
| Positive                     | -           | -           | -           | 1           | 1           |
| Negative                     | -           | 2           | -           | 18          | 7           |
| No Result                    | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           |

In cases of positive culture the milk has been sent for voluntary pasteurisation by the individual farmers.

Eight herds were found to be infected with Brucellosis as a result of samples taken by the Health Department. The offending eighteen animals were traced, the milk was sent for pasteurisation in all cases and the cows were isolated or sent for slaughter.

(c) Ice Cream

During the period thirty four samples of ice cream were submitted for the methylene blue test. Twenty-nine were in Provisional Grade I, and five in Grade II.

(d) Cream

The sampling of cream was commenced during the period, being submitted for the methylene blue reduction test. Out of ten samples, two failed the test.

(e) Unsound Food:

During the period the following small quantities of food were found to be unfit for human consumption and were voluntarily surrendered by the retailers:-

|                   |     |     |          |
|-------------------|-----|-----|----------|
| Tinned Meats      | ... | ... | 233 lbs. |
| Tinned Vegetables | ... | ... | 69 lbs.  |
| Tinned Fruits     | ... | ... | 60 lbs.  |
| Tinned Soup       | ... | ... | 145 lbs. |
| Tinned Pudding    | ... | ... | 11 lbs.  |
| Suet              | ... | ... | 14 lbs.  |
| Fresh Fish        | ... | ... | 251 lbs. |
| Pastry Mix        | ... | ... | 24 lbs.  |
| Jam               | ... | ... | 5 lbs.   |
| Honey             | ... | ... | 9 lbs.   |

(f) Food and Drugs Sampling:

The provisions of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, relating to the sampling of food and drugs for quality are carried out by the Lancashire County Council through its County Public Health Officers.

A total of 186 samples was obtained, of these 117 were milk and 69 others, comprising:-

1965

- 1 Cabbages
- 1 Boracic acid ointment B.P.C.
- 1 Glycerin B.P.
- 1 Cocoa
- 1 Barley
- 3 Portions of bread
- 1 Brown bread
- 1 Cough sweets
- 1 Sweets
- 1 Cooking fat
- 1 Milk, condensed, skinned, sweetened
- 1 Lemon juice
- 1 Cod liver oil B.P.
- 1 Borax B.P.
- 1 Meat, canned.

All the samples were reported by the County Analyst to be genuine, with the exception of the following:-

| <u>Sample</u>            | <u>Result of Analysis</u>   | <u>Action taken</u>  |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| 1 informal milk (school) | freezing point indicated 0.3% extraneous water. The phosphatase portion of the sample contained similar quantity. | dairy cautioned.   |
| 1 portion of bread.      | contained 2 small fragments of a paper flour bag ticket (weight 0.05 grs.) which had been packed into the loaf.   | packer cautioned and complainant informed.                                       |
| 1 portion of bread.      | contained 1 dead Cadelle Beetle approximately 9 mm's long and weighing 4 mmgs.                                    | legal proceedings instituted against baker:- fined £10. and ordered to pay cost. |
| 1 portion of bread.      | contained 1 dead moth larvae, measuring approximately 18 mms in length and weighing 10 mmgs.                      | legal proceedings instituted against baker:- fined £10. and order to pay cost.   |
| 1 meat, canned.          | contained a number of small dark fragments of vegetable matter, probably derived from spices (otherwise genuine); | complainant informed.  |

### 1966

|                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| 2 Fruit, Fresh      | 1 Flour              |
| 2 Vegetables, Fresh | 1 Coffee             |
| 1 Cheese            | 1 Blancmange Powder. |

All the samples were reported by the County Analyst to be genuine, with the exception of the following:-

| <u>Sample</u>      | <u>Result of Analysis</u>   | <u>Action taken</u>               |
|--------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Informal milk      | Poor in fat; no abnormal taste and free from preservatives (including anti-biotics). Fat 2.65%. Solids-not-fat 8.6% Freezing point (Hortvet) - 0.541°C. | Suggest complainant be informed.  |
| Formal milk        | Freezing point indicates 0.90% extraneous water.  | Producer cautioned.               |
| Blancmange Powder. | Carton contained 4 packets (total net weight 151 grammes) although labelled "5-1 pint envelopes" and Minimum net weight 159 gramme".                    | Vendor and manufacturer notified. |



1966 cont'd

| <u>Sample</u> | <u>Result of Analysis</u>                                      | <u>Action taken</u>  |
|---------------|--|--|
| Formal milk   | Fat 2.22% Solids-not-fat 8.82%.<br>Water 88.96%. Total 100.00% | School milk.<br>Prosecution - Fined £5<br>Costs £8. 16s. 0d. |

1967

|                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Beef Sausage           | 1 Bread                |
| 1 Pork Sausage           | 1 Fresh Fruit          |
| 1 Epsom Salts B.P.       | 1 Fresh Tomatoes       |
| 1 Avomine Tablets        | 1 Horseradish Relish   |
| 3 Sweets                 | 1 Gees Linctus B.P.C.  |
| 1 Cod Liver Oil Capsules | 1 Peach Wine.          |
|                          | 1 British Cream Sherry |

All the samples were reported by the County Analyst to be genuine, with the exception of the following:-

| <u>Sample</u> | <u>Result of Analysis</u>  | <u>Action taken</u>                    |
|---------------|--|--|
| Bread         | Contained 6 pieces of mould stained dough weighing in all 2.03 grammes and of sizes ranging from $\frac{1}{4}$ " to $\frac{3}{16}$ " diameter. | Prosecution -<br>Fined £20. Costs £10. |

1968

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| 2 Table Jelly      | 1 Cider             |
| 1 Sterilised Cream | 1 Plain Flour       |
| 2 Fresh Fruit      | 1 Coffee            |
| 1 Pale Ale         | 1 Icing Sugar       |
|                    | 1 Christmas Pudding |

All the samples were reported by the County Analyst to be genuine, with the exception of the following:-

| <u>Sample</u> | <u>Result of Analysis</u>      | <u>Action taken</u> |
|---------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Formal milk   | Fat 2.80%. Deficient 6.6% fat. | Producer notified.  |

1969

|                      |                            |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 2 Flour              | 1 Chocolate Dessert Powder |
| 1 Fresh Tomatoes     | 1 Ginger Marmalade         |
| 1 Marmalade          | 1 Bacon                    |
| 1 Cornflour          | 1 Ham                      |
| 1 Self Raising Flour | 2 Sweets                   |
| 1 Custard Powder     | 1 Whisky Liqueur           |
| 1 Blancmange Powder  | 1 Cherry Brandy Liqueur    |
| 1 Cream Cakes        | 1 Tia Maria Liqueur        |

All the samples were reported by the County Analyst to be genuine, with the exception of the following:-

| <u>Sample</u> | <u>Result of Analysis</u>  | <u>Action taken</u>                  |
|---------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Flour         | Contained a single fragment from the leg of an insect - possibly from an adult moth. | School kitchen supervisors informed. |

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